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EDUCATION

1992-1997 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

(Urbana, IL)

• Ph.D. in Civil & Environmental Engineering (1997)

1989-1992 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

(Urbana, IL)

· Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering

1986-1989 SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

(St. Louis, MO)

· Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering (Magna Cum Laude)

Publications

Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=y7Quo2EAAAAJ&hl=en

EXPERIENCE

2015 - Present NASA Langley Research Center

Head, Lidar Science Branch

As the Head of the Lidar Science Branch at NASA Langley Research Center. oversee the development of new lidar systems, their maturation for airborne and space-based platforms and the development of algorithms for converting lidar measurements to geophysical parameters. In this capacity, provide institutional resources, scientific and engineering expertise, and guidance to enable missions, research, and technology development

Dec 2011 – 2017 NASA HQ Detailee: NASA Applied Sciences Program (ASP)

*Associate Program Manager for Health & Air Quality Applications

Oversee project progress to apply Earth science products in decision-making activities

*Mission Applications Representative for PACE – Atmosphere & Air Quality Apps
Integrating applications into mission requirements in the early design Phase (pre-Phase A)

Sept 2002-present NASA Langley Research Center – Science Directorate (Hampton, VA).

Physical Scientist

Science team member responsible for the development and testing of aerosol extinction-to-backscatter-ratio, and aerosol subtyping algorithms for the Cloud and Aerosol Lidar Infrared imager Pathfinder Spaceborne Observations (CALIPSO) Satellite.

PI: NASA LaRC AERONET Station

Jan 2000-2004 Old Dominion University – Environmental Engineering Dept (Norfolk, VA).

Adjunct Faculty

• Teach Air Pollution Control course for graduate and undergraduate students

March' 98-2002 Hampton University - Center for Atmospheric Sciences (Hampton, VA).

Research Assistant Professor

• Led the CALIPSO Algorithm Implementation and Validation efforts

• Led the aerosol subtyping algorithm development effort (3 graduate students)

Co-Investigator, and Science Team member CALIPSO

• Taught graduate courses in Remote Sensing and Atmospheric Physics to Hampton University students, NASA Civil Servants and Contractors

Advised and mentored undergraduate students

• Led committee to recruit students in science/engineering from south eastern institutions

• PI for a Space Science Grant (250K/yr) and Co-I on several grants supporting six students.

• Primary author of the Education and Public Outreach Chapter of the CALIPSO proposal **Supervisor**: M. Pat McCormick; Ph. (757)7286867

Feb' 97-Feb' 98

University of Illinois-Electro-Optical Systems Laboratory Post-doctoral Fellowship-Laser Systems Research

(Urbana, IL)

• Retrieved the temperature/aerosol profiles of from measurements of the Lidar In-space Technology Experiment (LITE) conducted on board the space shuttle

Discovery. Developed algorithms to process the raw lidar signals and convert

these to geophysical parameters.

Supervisor - Prof C. Gardner, Ph. (217)333-3077

1992 - 1996

University of Illinois

(Urbana, IL)

Lead Research Assistant

- Team Leader of the Bondville Aerosol Measurements Group (5 Scientists)
- · Modeled effects of aerosols on atmospheric radiative transfer and visibility degradation
- Set up instrumentation for aerosol sampling and optical measurements at Bondville, IL

1994-96

University of Illinois

(Urbana, IL)

Teaching Assistant - Atmospheric Dispersion Modeling

As part of the Ph.D. teaching requirements, taught senior undergraduate and graduate

students an Atmospheric Dispersion Modeling class (CE345).

Supervisor - Prof. S. Larson

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/ ASSOCIATIONS

Served on the Proposal Review Panel of NASA's "Global Water and

Energy Cycle (GWEX) for EOS Interdisciplinary Science", and the Terra-Aqua Panel (2010) NASA ACCESS Panel (2013), NASA New Investigator Panel (2014), Applied Sciences Air Quality and Public Health Panel (2014) Co-Chairman of the IEEE Atmospheric Aerosol Symposium, Tucson, AZ, April 2005

- Member American Geophysical Union (AGU)
- Member American Meteorological Society (AMS)

COMMUNITY SERVICE Secretary, AGU Global Environmental Change Section (2015-19)

AGU Macelwane Medal Committee for the 2020-2021 term

Student Government Association Executive Member -(1986-88)

AWARDS/

HONORS

Alpha Chi Honor Scholarship Society (inducted 1988)

Outstanding Student Award Saint Louis University, 1989

Graduated 1st of Class of May 89 (Engineering) Saint Louis University

International Chemical Transport Experiment, N. American Science Team 2005

Outstanding Performance (CALIPSO Launch) 2006

Outstanding Performance (Operations and Data Processing) 2007 Outstanding Performance (CALIPSO Laser Switchover Team) 2008

Group Achievement Award (ARCTAS) 2009 NAAMES Group Achievement Award 2019